v. Awareness and knowledge of people on factors affecting oral health; and

vi. Treatment-seeking behaviour of people for their oral health problems.

(c) and (d) At present, the dentists population ratio in India is 1:22,500 against the WHO recommendation of 1:75,000.

Health hazards due to cell phones

†946. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether towers of cell phones have become health-hazards to the people in the vicinity of these towers;

(b) if so, what kind of risk are posed by it to the human health;

(c) whether a research have been conducted by the Ministry of Health in this regard; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to conduct such research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) According to ICMR, currently no conclusive data exist to give a reason for concern about the health effects based on studies carried out in this regard. Further, according to Department of Telecommunications, there is no substantial evidence of any health hazards to people due to the expansion of wireless and other networks.

Mismanagement at the Maternity Hospital, R.K. Puram and Safdarjung Hospital

947. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether doctors are generally not available at the maternity hosptial, R.K. Puram;

(b) whether due to this, all the operational cases are transferred to Safdarjung Hospital;

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